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SACRAMENTO UPDATE - STATUS OF COUNTY-SPONSORED AND CO-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

This memorandum provides the current status of legislative proposals for County sponsorship and co-sponsorship that the Sacramento advocates have been pursuing in the first year of the 2015-16 Legislative Session.

County-Sponsored Legislation

AB 1119 (Rendon) - Public Utility Projects in Unincorporated Areas. As amended on May 11, 2015, this measure would: 1) require a city proposing the use of a street, alley, avenue or highway within another city or county's jurisdiction to request that the city or county agree on the terms and conditions and location of the use; or 2) if terms and conditions cannot be agreed to, allow the city proposing the use to bring an action in superior court within three months to have the terms and conditions and location determined. AB 1119 is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee on June 16, 2015.

SB 461 (Hernandez) - Relinquishment of a Portion of State Highway to the County. As amended on April 6, 2015, this measure would authorize the California Transportation Commission to relinquish to Los Angeles County a segment of State Highway Route 164, which runs from the southern boundary of South El Monte and the northern boundary of Pico Rivera. SB 461 is currently pending referral to committee in the Assembly.

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SB 604 (Hall) - Workers' Compensation Liability. As introduced on February 27, 2015, this measure would amend existing law to clarify that self-insured governmental entities, such as the County, are not liable for the workers' compensation benefits for employees of contracted agencies whose insurer becomes insolvent. SB 604 was held in the Senate Insurance Committee at the request of the author and will not proceed this year.

Child Care Services for Foster Care Children Proposal. Pursuant to the Board-approved motion on March 17, 2015, the Sacramento advocates have been pursuing legislation to clarify existing law to explicitly include foster children and children with parents under Child Protective Services supervision for subsidized child care development services. The Board's action was taken after the bill introduction deadline; therefore, the Sacramento advocates are pursuing other legislative options for this proposal, including addressing it as part of the FY 2015-16 State Budget process.

County Co-Sponsored Legislation

AB 879 (Burke) - Notice of Dependency Hearings by Electronic Mail. As amended on April 21, 2015, this measure would allow, until January 1, 2019, counties and the courts to provide notice by electronic mail to parties in dependency cases, and would permit an individual to receive notice of scheduled dependency court hearings electronically, who has consented to such service and met specified requirements, among other provisions. The County is co-sponsoring this measure with the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA). AB 879 passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 on June 9, 2015, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

SB 478 (Huff) - Online System for Receipt of Child Abuse Reports. As amended on June 1, 2015, this measure would authorize a voluntary pilot program, until January 1, 2021, for up to 10 counties to allow specified mandated reporters to make initial reports of non-emergent child abuse or neglect to the Child Protection Agency through an online report, in lieu of telephonic reports. This measure also would require the California Department of Social Services to consult with CWDA and the county welfare agencies of individual counties to determine which counties may be involved in the pilot program. The County is co-sponsoring this measure with CWDA. SB 478 is currently pending referral to committee in the Assembly.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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